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For: IDENTIFICATION AND
CHARACTERIZATION OF MULTIPLE
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 10, 2008, finally rejecting claims 7-14 and 19, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.